

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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VINCENT TURTURRO et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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Serial No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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Filed: October 16, 2001 )  
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For: BIOPSY INSTRUMENT HAVING )  
IRRIGATION AND ASPIRATION )  
CAPABILITIES )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 7-85.

After "We Claim:" and before claim 1, delete "Standardized Port Biopsy  
Instrument".

After claim 6 and before claim 7, delete "Fluid Pressuring Increasing Device".

After claim 32 and before claim 33, delete "Sample Collector".

After claim 59 and before claim 60, delete "Pinch Biopsy Method".

After claim 69 and before claim 70, delete "Pinch Biopsy Instrument".

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**REMARKS**

Applicants have deleted subtitles improperly included in the claim section.

Applicants have cancelled dependent claims 7-85. Claims 1-6 remain pending in this application.

Applicants request the examination of the pending claims.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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